

Mr. Harrison, from the joint committee, delivered the following report, which was read the first time.

The Committee appointed, in conjunction with a like Committee on the part of the House of Delegates, to contract for the public printing of the present Session,

REPORT:

That they have contracted with Jeremiah Hughes, of the City of Annapolis, on the conditions following, that is to say:

1. For the Journals, at one dollar and ninety cents per page, 1,600 copies.
2. For Bills, at seventy-two cents per page, 106 copies.
3. For Reports and Documents, at seventy-two cents per page, 106 copies.
4. For the Broad-sides, at seven dollars and twenty-five cents per sheet, 106 copies.
5. For the Laws, at two dollars and forty cents per page, 1,600 copies.

The Journals to be finished for the use of the Executive and Legislature, within twelve hours from the delivery of the MSS. The other work to be executed without delay; with the power reserved of annulling the contract in case of failure. The laws to be paged, and with the journal, to be completed, and deposited in the Council Chamber in thirty days from the delivery of the copy—the same number of copies to be bound in leather;—to have as much matter on each page, and the execution in all respects to be as complete, in as good stile, and the paper to be as good as of the last Session.

The Rule and Figure work to be in Octavo form, if required, and to be paid for at the same rate per page as reports and documents.

The committee further report, that the prices of the last session were as follows, to wit:

For the Journals, three dollars and twenty-five cents per page.

For the Bills, one dollar and fifty cents per page.

For the Reports and Documents, one dollar and seventy-five cents per page.

For the Broad-sides, fifteen dollars per sheet.

For the Laws, four dollars per page.

From which it appears, that by the terms contracted for by your committee, a considerable saving has accrued to the State in this branch of the public expenditures.